THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) The details of proposals regarding improvement and repair of National Highways received from State of Assam during 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as under:—

Name of the Work	2005-06		2006-07		
	Proposals received	Proposals approved	Proposals received	Proposals approved	Under examination
Improvement/Widening	19	19	35	18	17
Repairs	15	15	24	15	09

(d) The pending proposals are under examination in the Ministry at various levels.

Ring road around Bangalore

1905. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka's proposal for development of an intermediate ring road around Bangalore is under consideration of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present position of the proposal; and

(d) the time likely to be taken to grant approval for the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Government of Karnataka has forwarded a proposal for inclusion of development of satellite town ring road of Bangalore under NHDP Phase VII.

(c) NHAI has invited proposals for Consultancy Services for preparation of feasibility cum preliminary design.

(d) The decision to approve the project will be taken based on the viability of the project.